

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview conducted on November 28, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicant's attorney discussed the outstanding rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner and Applicant's attorney agreed that the claim amendments discussed below overcome the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The claims remains objected to for certain informalities. The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Specifically, Applicant has amended the claims to recite two distinct controllers: a "general controller" and a "data encryption controller" where appropriate. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as being based on a disclosure which is not enabling. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Specifically, Applicant has amended the claims to distinctly claim the

functionalities of "a cipher key" and "a second cipher key." As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 112, first paragraph rejection against Claims 1 and 5 and their dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance.

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